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14. Gangtok	Sikkim	0.29
15. Agartala	Tripura	1.90
16. Dehradun	Uttaranchal	5.30
17. Bodh Gaya	Bihar	3.94
18. Ujjain	Madhya Pradesh	**4.31**
19. Puri	Orissa	1.57
20. Ajmer-Pushkar	Rajasthan	5.04
21. Nainital	Uttaranchal	2.20
22. Mysore	Karnataka	7.99
23. Pondicherry	Pondicherry	5.05
24. Chandigarh	Punjab & Haryana	8.08
25. Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir	9.88
26. Mathura	Uttar Pradesh	3.23
27. Hardwar	Uttaranchal	2.21
28. Nanded	Maharashtra	4.31

As per 2001 census, the population of Hubli-Dharwad was (786195) yet to attain million plus city (Metropolitan city) status.

Cheating of Indians by Employment Agents

*239. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many Indians who go-to foreign countries on the promise of employment agents are cheated and land up in foreign jails for violation of immigration laws of which the Indian workers are ignorant;

(b) whether Government would instruct the Indian embassies abroad to protect such innocent citizens from being punished by foreign Governments;

(c) whether such cases have come to the knowledge of the Indian Embassy in Malaysia; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI):(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Cases often come to notice where some workers are detained in foreign jails for violation of immigration laws of those countries.

Missions promptly take up such cases with the local government authorities for their early release and repatriation.

(c) and (d) As per information received from the High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, presently there are 489 Indian nationals held in various detention centers/jails in Malaysia for immigration offences.

Unscientific programmes on TV

-*240. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that electronic media often telecast unscientific serials on ghosts and super powers;

(b) whether Government agree that such programmes have serious adverse effects on both children's and adult's mind creating baseless beliefs; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government to stop such unscientific programmes on TV screen?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes Sir, some reports have been received on similar subject.

(b) No such study has been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) All programmes of satelite TV channels transmitted or re-transmitted through cable service are required to adhere to the provisions of the Programme/Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code *inter-alia* prohibits carriage of any programme that encourages superstition, blind belief, denigrates children etc. The provisions of the Code are given in the enclosed statement *(see* below). With a view to look into the violation of the Programme/Advertising Codes, the Central Government has constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee under Section 20 of the Act. The Committee either suo-motu or on receipt of complaints, examines cases of violation of the Codes. If any violation is noted by the Committee, the same is communicated to the Government and action is taken against the TV channels as per rules, thereafter.